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**Testimony of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut
to the Planning And Development Committee
On House Bill 5337**

**An Act Authorizing Two or More Municipalities to Pursue Joint Employee Health
Insurance Plans**

Chairman Coleman, Chairman Sharkey and members of the Planning and Development Committee, my name is Warren Ruppar and I am the President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut. The Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut is a trade association which has been located in Connecticut and has represented independent agents for 110 years. IIAC currently represents more than 450 member agencies and their associates as well as their 3500-plus employees.

The MORE Commission report includes numerous recommendations that may be included in the final language of House Bill 5337. One of the items of focus in the MORE report addresses the issue of disclosure requirements for health insurance brokers. As the committee reviews this issue we urge the committee to refer to Section 38a-707a of the General Statutes which was passed in 2005. This statute addresses the issue of producer compensation, disclosure and customer acknowledgement. IIAC would welcome the opportunity to participate in any discussion on the issue of disclosure as House Bill 5337 continues through the legislative process.